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Per reftel, on August 26, 2008, Embassy delivered to Turkmenistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs talking points urging Turkmenistan to press Russia not to recognize Abkhazia and South Ossetia. Any substantive response will be reported septel.

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